

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures

Christine Turner, Agricultural Commissioner

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect the agricultural industry by detecting and eradicating dangerous and invasive pests, promote the sale of locally grown products, protect the public and environment by promoting the safe use of pesticides, and increase consumer confidence in local businesses by protecting against fraud and deception.

Appropriation	Actual 2002-03	Position Allocations	BOS Adopted 2003-04	Position Allocations
Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 1,082,491	13	\$ 1,541,983	13
Fish & Game Commission	3,732	0	10,610	0
Total:	\$ 1,086,223	13	\$ 1,552,593	13

CORE FUNCTIONS

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Agricultural Commissioner promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture and the sale of agricultural products and encourages agriculture-related tourism as a means of economic diversification for the farming community. In addition, we protect Placer County's agricultural and natural resources against damage caused by exotic insects, diseases, and weeds; assure compliance with the federal and state laws pertaining to the proper and safe use of pesticides; and protect farms from incompatible land uses, which would limit agricultural productivity and efficiency. The Sealer of Weights and Measures enforces laws and regulations that assure marketplace equity for transactions involving count, weight, or measure.

Fish & Game Commission

Preserves the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through local fish plants, habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

FY 2002-03 Major Accomplishments

- Cross-trained staff and integrated inspections in order to be more efficient and to increase the depth of knowledge of the inspection team.
- Helped with the creation of the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Management Area to control, eradicate, and prevent the movement of noxious weeds around Lake Tahoe through treatments and outreach.
- Completed state contracts in the areas of pest prevention, pesticide use enforcement, and weights and measures.
- Developed marketing products to be used by producers in promoting their products.
- Participated in local events that celebrate the bounty of Placer County agriculture.
- Gave financial support, using funds from Fish and Game fines, in support of local youth nature programs.

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FY 2003-04 Planned Accomplishments

- Continue to prevent the introduction of non-native plants, insects, and diseases to Placer County's agricultural and natural landscape.
- Help ensure the high quality of nursery products grown in Placer County.
- Help in the effort to prevent Exotic Newcastle Disease and other foreign animal diseases from becoming established in Placer County.
- Improve the management and reporting of agricultural production information.
- Promote the certified farmers markets and organic production by conducting verification inspections and audits.
- Improve the level of compliance in the safe use of pesticides.
- Publish the 2004 Farm Trails Guide and distribute 100,000 copies that will provide information on buying locally produced agricultural products.
- Participate in the development of the High Sierra Beef project for marketing locally produced beef.
- Coordinate the 2004 October Fall Harvest Weekend; participate on organizing committees for PlacerGROWN meals in Roseville, Fruitvale School, and Loomis.
- Assist the Placer County Wine and Grape Growers Association with the Auburn Wine event, and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce with the Lincoln Showcase event.
- Work more closely with other County departments, with the aid of the new land use database system, to address the impacts of development on agriculture.
- Complete annual inspections of all commercial weighing and measuring devices as mandated by law.
- Continue to support local youth nature programs.
- Promote increased local enforcement of Fish and Game laws.

Department Comments

For the 2003-04 fiscal year, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of Pesticide Regulation will experience the effects of large budget cuts. These state agencies fund portions of many of our enforcement programs. So far we have been asked to reduce work plan budgets only slightly. We hope to continue to provide nearly the same level of enforcement presence and community service that we have in the past.

The Agriculture Department will be starting a new 12-month program involving a small crew of seasonal employees. As a result of the recent outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease in Southern California, other counties in the state have been asked to conduct a survey of backyard poultry owners. The survey is meant to provide bio-security information to bird owners and record the location of poultry in the County.

Over the long term, we are looking to becoming more involved in the land use decisions that affect agriculture. In addition, we will continue to promote locally grown agricultural products by working through the Agricultural Marketing Program.

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County Executive Comments And Recommendations

The recommended *Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer* budget provides full funding for an agricultural inspector I/II position that was only partially funded in FY 2002-03. Services and supplies include appropriations to cover the costs of year four of a five-year agricultural marketing program plus rebudgeted agricultural marketing and Fruitvale School restoration funding that was not yet fully expended. Recommended amounts will also provide for vehicle mileage, and radio communications cost increases. New above target funding has been added to enable the department to conduct research and public outreach in response to a recent threat of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in California. A majority of the END costs will be offset by federal reimbursements, which are currently being negotiated.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's budget is charged by the Animal Control Division for trapping small animals in the Lake Tahoe area. State reimbursements are received for a portion of the Agricultural Commissioner's salary and various agriculture and weights-and-measures programs and for pesticide enforcement. Revenue is also received for inspection services related to plants and other agricultural commodities and inspection of vapor recovery devices (gasoline and diesel nozzle dispensers). This budget will receive a grant from the state for operation of a nuisance insect trapping and detection program and federal reimbursement to offset costs associated with Exotic Newcastle Disease response.

Department requested funding considerations for Final Budget:

- **Truck utility body (\$5,000)**
- **All terrain vehicle (\$5,900)**

The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer also oversees the *Fish and Game Commission* budget. Recommended expenditures have declined due to the reduction of one-time carryover funding that was included in the 2002-03 Final Budget. Funding will provide for commissioner per diem, secretarial services, and travel costs, an annual trout derby; local education activities and wildlife programs. The Fish and Game Commission budget receives an annual contribution from the General Fund, fine revenues and interest earnings. The estimated fund balance carryover is expected to fund the net County cost.

Final Budget Changes from the Proposed Budget

Final budget adjustments for the *Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer* appropriation include rebudgeted funding for agricultural program training and education, the Fruitvale School restoration project expenditures (\$18,822) and increased revenues from State Weed Management Area contract reimbursements (\$10,650).

The *Fish and Game Commission* fund balance carryover in excess of what is needed to fund the net county cost has been appropriated for contingencies (\$3,902)

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES FUND 100 / APPROPRIATION 22210

	Actual 2001-02	Actual 2002-03	Requested 2003-04	Recommended 2003-04	Change %	Adopted 2003-04
Expenditures						
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 808,563	\$ 827,592	\$ 974,441	\$ 974,441	18%	\$ 974,441
Services and Supplies	223,552	239,604	526,998	526,998	120%	545,820
Capital Assets	-	-	10,900	-	0%	-
Other Financing Uses	-	14,636	-	-	-100%	-
Intra Fund Charges	185	659	21,722	21,722	3196%	21,722
Net Budget:	\$ 1,032,300	\$ 1,082,491	\$ 1,534,061	\$ 1,523,161	41%	\$ 1,541,983
Revenue						
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 414,621	\$ 537,047	\$ 559,105	\$ 559,105	4%	\$ 569,755
Charges for Services	43,237	41,963	41,100	41,100	-2%	41,100
Miscellaneous Revenue	19,297	10,168	7,000	7,000	-31%	7,000
Total Revenue:	\$ 477,155	\$ 589,178	\$ 607,205	\$ 607,205	3%	\$ 617,855
Net County Cost:	\$ 555,145	\$ 493,313	\$ 926,856	\$ 915,956	86%	\$ 924,128
Allocated Positions	13	13	13	13	0%	13

CORE FUNCTION: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Weights & Measures Program

Program Purpose: To conduct inspections and enforce laws regarding accuracy in commercial weighing and measuring devices such as gas station pumps, produce scales, price scanners, and labels and certificates used by commerce, in order to protect consumers against fraud and deception and increase consumer confidence in local business.

Total Expenditures: \$250,000

Total Staffing: 3.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** To ensure marketplace equity in commercial transactions involving weighing, measuring and labeling.

Weights & Measures Indicators:	Projected 2002-03	Actual 2002-03	Target 2003-04
% of commercial weighing and measuring devices inspected within the year	N/A	34%	100%
# of inspections in which violations were found	N/A	131	0
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	N/A	92%	100%

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Pesticide Use Enforcement Program

Program Purpose: To conduct agricultural pesticide use and records inspections in order to help agriculture comply with pesticide use regulations and safeguard the public and environment from pesticide misuse and harmful residues.

Total Expenditures: \$250,000

Total Staffing: 3.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Lower the numbers of improper pesticide use incidents.

Pesticide Use Enforcement Indicators:	Projected 2002-03	Actual 2002-03	Target 2003-04
# of pesticide use enforcement inspections in Placer County per year	N/A	181	400
# of violations found	N/A	89	0
% of violations cleared at first re-inspection	N/A	100%	100%

Plant Health & Pest Prevention Program

Program Purpose: To protect residents and the agricultural industry from exotic insects, diseases, and weeds through nursery shipment inspections, insect detection inspections and the Weed Management Area Project.

Total Expenditures: \$950,503

Total Staffing: 9.0

- **Key Intended Outcome:** Maintain low incidence of exotic insect, disease and weed infestations.

Plant Health & Pest Prevention Indicators:	Projected 2002-03	Actual 2002-03	Target 2003-04
# of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	N/A	33,355	30,000
# of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	N/A	7,715	8,500
% of inspections of nursery shipments arriving in Placer County per year	N/A	23%	28%
# of exotic insect <i>pest</i> finds during detection trapping inspections per year	N/A	18	0

Other Agricultural Commissioner Programs

Agricultural Marketing Program: Promotes regional public awareness of Placer County agriculture, the sale of Placer County agriculture products, and agriculture-related tourism in order to enhance economic diversification of the farming community. The Agricultural Marketing Program submits press releases to local media throughout the year that highlight Placer County agriculture, and provides outreach to farmers and ranchers on ways to improve the marketing of their products. The program also distributes approximately 100,000 Placer County Farm Trail Guides will help and encourage consumers to buy fresh agricultural products from local producers.

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FISH & GAME COMMISSION

FUND 130 / APPROPRIATION 22370

	Actual 2001-02	Actual 2002-03	Requested 2003-04	Recommended 2003-04	Change %	Adopted 2003-04
Expenditures						
Services and Supplies	\$ 4,568	\$ 5,587	\$ 14,484	\$ 7,755	39%	\$ 7,755
Intra Fund Charges	-	-	-	708	100%	708
Gross Budget:	\$ 4,568	\$ 5,587	\$ 14,484	\$ 8,463	51%	\$ 8,463
Intra Fund Credits	(1,755)	(1,855)	(1,755)	(1,755)	-5%	(1,755)
Appropriations for Contingencies	-	-	-	-	0%	3,902
Net Budget:	\$ 2,813	\$ 3,732	\$ 12,729	\$ 6,708	80%	\$ 10,610
Revenue						
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$ 8,602	\$ 1,089	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	38%	\$ 1,500
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	894	774	700	700	-10%	700
Miscellaneous Revenue	34	-	-	-	0%	-
Total Revenue:	\$ 9,530	\$ 1,863	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	18%	\$ 2,200
Net County Cost:	\$ (6,717)	\$ 1,869	\$ 10,529	\$ 4,508	141%	\$ 8,410
Allocated Positions	0	0	0	0	0%	0

Program Purpose: To preserve the fisheries and wildlife in Placer County for future generations through habitat improvements, animal trappings and collaring, and pollution monitoring of streams and lakes in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game.

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER /
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
APPROPRIATION SUMMARY
Fiscal Year 2003-04**

ADMINISTERED BY: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

Appropriations	FY 2002-03		FY 2003-04	
	Actual	Position Allocations	BOS Approved Budget	Position Allocations
GENERAL FUND Agricultural Commissioner	\$ 1,082,491	13	\$ 1,541,983	13
OTHER OPERATING FUND Fish & Game Commission - Fund 130	3,732	0	10,610	0
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,086,223	13	\$ 1,552,593	13

Agricultural Commission/Sealer

General Fund

Fund: 100

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22210

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2001-02 (2)	Actual 2002-03 (3)	Dept Req 2003-04 (4)	CEO Rec 2003-04 (5)	BOS Adopted 2003-04 (6)
Salaries & Benefits					
1002 Salaries and Wages	558,844	586,024	646,334	646,334	646,334
1003 Extra Help	42,531	45,918	53,328	53,328	53,328
1005 Overtime & Call Back	2,863	5,679	7,236	7,236	7,236
1006 Sick Leave Payoff	22,690	803			
1300 P.E.R.S.	39,533	39,702	80,261	80,261	80,261
1301 F.I.C.A.	46,324	47,483	54,078	54,078	54,078
1310 Employee Group Ins	74,788	86,335	119,117	119,117	119,117
1315 Workers Comp Insurance	20,990	15,648	14,087	14,087	14,087
Total Salaries & Benefits	808,563	827,592	974,441	974,441	974,441
Services & Supplies					
2001 Agriculture	16,442	4,959	26,970	26,970	32,694
2050 Communications - Radio	424	1,288	2,372	2,372	2,372
2051 Communications - Telephone	14,137	15,538	18,574	18,574	18,574
2290 Maintenance - Equipment	730	761	400	400	400
2291 Maintenance - Computer Equip			400	400	400
2431 Professional Dues			750	750	750
2439 Membership/Dues	870	890	250	250	250
2481 PC Acquisition		2,173	1,065	1,065	1,065
2510 PC Upgrades			600	600	600
2511 Printing	4,827	5,998	6,170	6,170	6,170
2522 Other Supplies	1,054	614	1,722	1,722	1,722
2523 Office Supplies & Exp	3,482	4,246	3,250	3,250	3,250
2524 Postage	3,693	3,771	4,000	4,000	4,000
2554 Commissioner's Fees	3,760	3,560	4,320	4,320	4,320
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased	56,796	75,661	163,791	163,791	168,717
2709 Rents & Leases - Computer SW	3,619	4,144	4,562	4,562	4,562
2710 Rents & Leases - Equipment	4,550	9,129	13,016	13,016	13,016
2770 Fuels & Lubricants	99	118	300	300	300
2809 Rents and Leases-PC	7,591	1,639	7,260	7,260	7,260
2838 Special Dept Expense-1099 Repor	700	1,470			
2840 Special Dept Expense	15,496	22,313	163,407	163,407	171,579
2844 Training		18	900	900	900
2931 Travel & Transportation	3,095	2,996	7,300	7,300	7,300
2932 Mileage	972	791	1,200	1,200	1,200
2941 County Vehicle Mileage	81,215	77,527	94,419	94,419	94,419
Total Services & Supplies	223,552	239,604	526,998	526,998	545,820
Fixed Assets					
4451 Equipment			10,900		
Total Fixed Assets			10,900		
Other Financing Uses					
3776 Contrib Auto Working Capital		14,636			
Total Other Financing Uses		14,636			
Charges From Departments					
5051 I/T - Communications			102	102	102
5291 I/T Maintenance - Computer Equipm			102	102	102
5552 I/T - MIS Services	85	85			
5556 I/T - Professional Services		74	21,518	21,518	21,518
5840 I/T Special Dept Expense		475			
5844 I/T Training	100	25			
Total Charges From Departments	185	659	21,722	21,722	21,722
Gross Budget	1,032,300	1,082,491	1,534,061	1,523,161	1,541,983

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General Fund

Fund: 100

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22210

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2001-02 (2)	Actual 2002-03 (3)	Dept Req 2003-04 (4)	CEO Rec 2003-04 (5)	BOS Adopted 2003-04 (6)
Net Budget	1,032,300	1,082,491	1,534,061	1,523,161	1,541,983
Less: Revenues					
7196 State Aid for Agriculture	(411,659)	(537,047)	(417,833)	(417,833)	(428,483)
7234 State Aid - Mandated Costs	(2,962)		(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
7326 Federal - Other			(140,272)	(140,272)	(140,272)
8140 Agricultural Services	(12,098)	(12,815)	(17,100)	(17,100)	(17,100)
8193 Other Services	(30,969)	(29,148)	(24,000)	(24,000)	(24,000)
8212 Other General Reimbursement	(170)				
8764 Miscellaneous Revenues	(19,297)	(10,168)	(7,000)	(7,000)	(7,000)
Total Revenues	(477,155)	(589,178)	(607,205)	(607,205)	(617,855)
Net County Cost	555,145	493,313	926,856	915,956	924,128

Fish and Game

Fish and Game Fund

Fund: 130

Subfund: 0

Appropriation: 22370

Budget Category (1)	Actual 2001-02 (2)	Actual 2002-03 (3)	Dept Req 2003-04 (4)	CEO Rec 2003-04 (5)	BOS Adopted 2003-04 (6)
Services & Supplies					
2051 Communications - Telephone			35	35	35
2140 Gen Liability Ins	95	100	100	100	100
2290 Maintenance - Equipment			70	70	70
2523 Office Supplies & Exp	35	31	80	80	80
2524 Postage	130	152	250	250	250
2554 Commissioner's Fees	1,755	1,630	2,100	2,100	2,100
2555 Prof/Spec Svcs - Purchased		700	1,000	1,000	1,000
2840 Special Dept Expense	1,589	1,899	9,184	2,455	2,455
2932 Mileage	964	1,075	1,665	1,665	1,665
Total Services & Supplies	4,568	5,587	14,484	7,755	7,755
Charges From Departments					
5527 I/T Prof Services A-87 Costs				708	708
Total Charges From Departments				708	708
Appropriation for Contingencies					
5600 Appropriation for Contingencies					3,902
Total Appropriation for Contingencie					3,902
Gross Budget	4,568	5,587	14,484	8,463	12,365
Less: Charges to Departments					
5002 I/T - County General Fund	(1,755)	(1,855)	(1,755)	(1,755)	(1,755)
Total Charges to Departments	(1,755)	(1,855)	(1,755)	(1,755)	(1,755)
Net Budget	2,813	3,732	12,729	6,708	10,610
Less: Revenues					
6856 Other Court Fines	(8,602)	(1,089)	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
6950 Interest	(894)	(774)	(700)	(700)	(700)
8764 Miscellaneous Revenues	(34)				
Total Revenues	(9,530)	(1,863)	(2,200)	(2,200)	(2,200)
Net County Cost	(6,717)	1,869	10,529	4,508	8,410